

2. Four lectures on the acute-intestinal disorders, illustrated by cases.

3. Four lectures on congenital and acquired heart disease and allied topics, also illustrated by cases.

4. Four lectures on infectious diseases.

5. (a) Neurology, illustrating the more common nervous disorders of children, with special reference to the examination of such patients.

(b) Syphilis, illustrating the methods of diagnosis and treatment.

(c) The diagnosis and management of malnutrition in older children.

In addition to the lectures, bedside clinics will be given daily and there will be ward work under supervision, as well as demonstrations of pathological specimens and x-ray plates.

The course will be given at the Hospital for Sick Children throughout the month of July. Any part, however, of the course may be taken by arrangement. The fee for the whole course or any part of it will be \$20.00.

News

ONTARIO

OTTAWA has been made the headquarters for Canada's vital statistics. Returns from all over the Dominion are, in future, to be tabulated there. Formerly these were all completed and published separately in each province, or in those provinces where the work was done at all. It is expected all the provinces will take advantage of the new method.

A BOARD of Tuberculosis consultants has been appointed by the Director of Medical Services of the Department of Soldier Civil Re-establishment to visit each of the twenty-three sanitoriums in Canada. The personnel of the board follows: Dr. C. D. Parfit, Ontario; Dr. J. R. Byers, Quebec; Dr. W. M. Hart, Saskatchewan; Dr. A. F. Miller, Nova Scotia; Dr. N. A. Stewart, Manitoba.

IN eleven schools of Toronto, Dr. Clarke, medical director of the Canadian National Committee of Mental Hygiene, has found

three hundred and twenty-five pupils with an intelligence quotient of less than 80 per cent., and out of one hundred and twenty-two defectives below 70 per cent, one hundred are possessed of the characteristic stigmata of degeneration. Dr. Clarke investigated these schools at the request of the Toronto Board of Education, and has recommended the segregation of low grade defective children in two or more special classes, centrally located.

QUEBEC

THE Provincial Government has designated the committee, authorized by a law of the last session for public protection against venereal diseases. They are: Dr. A. Simard, Quebec; Dr. S. Boucher and Dr. J. A. Hutchinson, Montreal. Dr. A. H. Desloges has been named director of anti-venereal service and Dr. Ranger assistant director. Dr. A. St. Pierre, Montreal, will be the director of provincial hospitals. The committee can establish free dispensaries and laboratories for the treatment of venereal diseases, provide for the treatment of venereal patients detained in jails, asylums, etc., and promote educational propaganda.

MANITOBA

THE new medical act, as amended on suggestions by the Medical Association of Winnipeg, was passed in part recently by the legislative law amendment committee. The amendment furnishes the council or committee in charge with wider powers.

ALBERTA

STATISTICS show that the recent epidemic in Alberta (1920) was much lighter in type than the previous one of 1919. For the same period in the first epidemic, covering about one month, there were two thousand deaths in the province against the late record of two hundred and sixty-six.

SASKATCHEWAN

EIGHT clinics have been opened in Saskatchewan for the treatment, without charge, of venereal disease. They are located at Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Swift Current, North Battleford, Weyburn and Yorkton. A director in charge has been appointed to devote his full time to the work in connection with the Bureau of Public Health. Eight dispensaries are now completely equipped and in operation.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

At the recent conference of the various bodies called together by the British Columbia Red Cross Society in Vancouver, two resolutions were adopted. The first stated that the provincial branch is prepared to furnish and maintain ten stations and public health nurses for the Red Cross first aid districts. Such stations and nurses are to be distinctly Red Cross and arrangements for the training and the maintaining the supply of these nurses will be made with the Victorian Order of Nurses. The second resolution empowered a committee to investigate the wisdom and possibility of establishing and maintaining a Red Cross Chair of Public Health in the University of British Columbia "in connection with the Department of Nursing now established therein, and to co-operate with the provincial authorities in the education of nurses devoting themselves to social service."

Books Received

NERVOUS AND MENTAL DISEASES. By ARCHIBALD CHURCH, M.D., professor of nervous and mental diseases, Northwestern Medical School, Chicago; and FREDERICK PETERSON, M.D., formerly professor of psychiatry, Columbia University. Ninth edition. 949 pages with 250 illustrations. Price \$5.50. Publishers: W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London, 1919.

HENRY QUIN, M.D., president and fellow of the King and Queen's College of Physicians of Ireland, and King's professor of practice of physic (1718-1791). By T. PERCY KIRKPATRICK, M.D., M.R.I.A., fellow and registrar of the Royal College of Ireland. Printed at the University Press, by Ponsonby & Gibbs, Dublin, 1919. Price, 10/6 net.

ARTERIOSCLEROSIS AND HYPERTENSION. By LOUIS M. WARFIELD, A.B., M.D., F.A.C.P., formerly professor of clinical medicine, Marquette University Medical School. Third edition. 265 pages with illustrations. Price \$4.00. Publishers: C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, 1920.